

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF COREY WELCH
ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL
OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Corey Welch. Corey will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for his distinct athletic achievements in the sports of swimming and water polo. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Corey started competitively swimming when he was five years old. Five more years later, he won his first age group PA State Championship for the Wilkes-Barre YMCA in the 50 meter backstroke. Corey continued to succeed in the pool, winning the 100 IM as well as the 50 backstroke, setting a state and national record. He was ranked as the number one 14-year-old in the country in the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke.

Corey also began playing water polo, and in 1996, he was selected to attend the USA Water Polo Youth Development Camp at the USA Olympic Training Center. Corey had a very successful high school athletic career at Wyoming Valley West, and, as a freshman on the water polo team, he was voted the best freshman player in the state. He went on to be All-State the following three years and All-American in his junior and senior seasons. He helped lead the team to four consecutive division championships. On the swim team, Corey was undefeated in his individual events at the AAA district championships, and he helped the team win the PIAA District 2 and Wyoming Valley Conference Team titles during each of his four years.

After graduating from Wyoming Valley West, Corey continued his swimming career on a Division I scholarship at the University of Florida. He qualified for the USA Swimming National Championships each of his four years as a Gator, and, in 2004, he qualified for his first Olympic Trials in the 200 LCM breaststroke. Corey qualified for finals in several Nationals, as well as the 2004 US Open where he won the title as part of the 400 medley relay along with the overall team title. For his efforts, he was named to the Gators' All Time Top Ten list in the 100 breast, 200 breast, 200 medley relay, and 400 medley relay. In 2005, he won the SEC Championship with a conference and team record, and he earned Division I NCAA All-American status when the team finished fifth at the NCAA Championships. His impres-

sive times also earned him a spot at the 2008 Olympic Team Trials.

After graduation, Corey pursued his doctorate in physical therapy at Drexel University. While in Philadelphia, he began coaching a USA Masters swim team, and he continued to compete himself in several Masters meets. In 2010, he was the USMS National Champion in both the 100 and 200 LCM. In early summer 2012, Corey swam a lifetime best in the 100 LCM breaststroke to earn a spot at the 2012 Olympic Team Trials.

It is an honor to recognize Corey on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, had I been present for Roll Call No. 231, On Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted YEA; for Roll Call No. 232, on the Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider, I would have voted NAY; for Roll Call No. 233, on the Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted YEA; for Roll Call No. 234, on the Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 567, I would have voted NAY; for Roll Call No. 235, on H. Res. 567, I would have voted NAY; for Roll Call No. 236, on Ryan Amendment En Bloc No. 1 to H.R. 4346, I would have voted NAY; for Roll Call No. 237, on Ryan Amendment En Bloc No. 3 to H.R. 4346, I would have voted YEA; for Roll Call No. 238, on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 4346 with Instructions, I would have voted YEA; for Roll Call no. 239, on Passage of H.R. 4346, I would have voted NAY; for Roll Call No. 240, on Lee Amendment En Bloc No. 2 to H.R. 4373, I would have voted NAY; for Roll Call No. 241, on Lee Amendment En Bloc No. 3 to H.R. 4373, I would have voted NAY; for Roll Call No. 242, on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 4373 with Instructions, I would have voted YEA; and for Roll Call No. 243, on Passage of H.R. 4373, I would have voted NAY.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT MIKE CASSIDY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life and service of Sergeant Michael Cassidy, a 27-year veteran of the New Bedford Police Department.

Sergeant Cassidy grew up in New Bedford and attended Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. After graduation, he

began his life of service by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in Operation Desert Storm.

Sergeant Cassidy returned to New Bedford and joined the City's Police Department in 1994. He was honored with numerous commendations throughout his decades of service, including the New Bedford Life Saving Award in 2006. He was honored again with the award in 2018 when he helped revive and save the life of a cashier who collapsed while Sgt. Cassidy was off-duty and grocery shopping. This is just one example of Sergeant Cassidy going beyond his everyday responsibilities for his community.

Sergeant Cassidy was a dedicated family man and Boston sports fan. Besides being a firearms and CPR instructor, he also taught Kenpo Karate for years and was a 5th degree black belt.

Sergeant Cassidy left his family and community too soon when he passed away on April 28, 2021 at the age of 52. He led a life of service to his country and to New Bedford and set an example of what true heroism looks like.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Sergeant Michael Cassidy. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his lifetime of service to our country and the people of Massachusetts.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEADINGTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Leadington Free Will Baptist Church of Leadington, Missouri, organized 100 years ago, under an old oak tree. It was in December of 1921 that J.L. Yancy and T.J. Mann organized the church. In 1923, church members voted to buy a little house in front of Woodlawn Cemetery where they worshiped until the present sanctuary was built in 1965.

From a founding congregation of 11, the church has grown to 89 members today. Ruby Lawson is the oldest of the current worshipers who has attended the church all her life. Wayne Patton is Associate Pastor. Every Sunday, they gather at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School and 10:45 a.m. for worship.

Though the church's records from 1929 until 1946 have been lost, it is clear this house or worship has stood the test of time. It marks its centennial of service standing tall as a monument to its members' enduring faith and commitment to their community.

I am proud to represent this dedicated body of believers as they mark the 100th anniversary or Leadington Free Will Baptist Church on August 22, 2021, and to recognize them today before the United States House of Representatives.

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IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. TERESA 'TERRY' RYNARD ON HER RETIREMENT AS KANSAS CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Teresa 'Terry' Rynard, the Director of Kansas City's Parks and Recreation Department, a woman who has dedicated her life to decades of service to the parks and people in Kansas City. Mrs. Rynard is retiring after accomplishing a milestone achievement in becoming the first woman to serve as Kansas City's Parks and Recreation Director in the department's 129-year history. Her legacy of determination and selfless leadership will continue to inspire the lives of many beyond her term.

Since the start of her career at the Parks and Recreation Department, Mrs. Rynard began paving the way for women to work in the field when at the young age of 16, she trimmed weeds and mowed fields of Kansas City's parks despite protests from her male co-workers. With perseverance, she climbed the ranks of the Department while she furthered her educational journey, earning a Bachelor of Arts and Education in 1986. In her 33 years with the Kansas City's Parks and Recreation Department, Mrs. Rynard has served as equipment operator, area superintendent, assistant park superintendent, deputy director, and finally Director of Parks and Recreation. Mrs. Rynard's career stands as a shining example of grit and being an outstanding community leader.

Her contributions to the city can be seen everyday as one walks through its streets and parks. Not only did she succeed in efforts to make Kansas City safer, cleaner, and beautiful, but she helped cultivate an equitable environment for all to enjoy. Mrs. Rynard focused on areas that had been neglected for years and created the Quality of Life Investment District, overseeing numerous park projects across the underserved parts of the city. She also oversaw the installation of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard signs after years of debate, and the transition of Kansas City Museum management to the Kansas City Museum Foundation. In addition, Mrs. Rynard was elected to the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, an immensely prestigious honor earned through her selflessness and leadership. These and countless other successes testify of what an invaluable member of our community she has been.

Mrs. Rynard's work for our city extends beyond the workplace and into her family. Her children have recounted times where, as a family, they would help their mother by picking up trash to clean shelters at parks when the Department was short-handed. This proves her devotion to better the community and serve those around her, promising continued contributions for our city even after her retirement.

Terry will leave a legacy of kindness and diligence that will continue to live on in Kansas City and its Parks and Recreation Department forever. Her service has touched the lives of all who live in Kansas City and benefit from her works daily. The leadership she's provided

the Department has created a foundation to which to build upon as we continue our efforts in promoting equity, inclusion while developing our community. Terry's deep care and love for our City will continue to be felt in every park, avenue, and public space in Kansas City.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING JOSEPH SIVEWRIGHT

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the incredible work and service of Joseph Sivewright. At the end of 2021, he will officially retire as the Chairman of Nestlé Purina PetCare after over 30 years of outstanding leadership.

Since joining Nestlé Purina in 1985, Mr. Sivewright has held various positions throughout the company as he proved himself to be a treasured employee. Prior to his role as Chairman, he was appointed as the company's President & Chief Operating Officer and was then named President and Chief Executive Officer.

Under Mr. Sivewright's leadership, Nestlé Purina has grown through numerous product innovations and the company has been recognized as one of the "best places to work" by several St. Louis and national organizations.

I want to personally thank Joe for his many years of friendship, as well as his desire to ensure Nestlé Purina is a strong community partner. His distinguished career and tremendous leadership are celebrated by our St. Louis community. I personally appreciate the impact his work ethic and constant drive to improve the lives of those around had on his employees. As a former Purina employee myself when I was just out of college, I know how important it is to have a smart and driven leader at the helm to set the tone for the rest of us and help us achieve even greater heights.

Joe had a tremendous impact not only on all of those with whom he worked throughout his many years at Purina, but also on those he worked with outside of work as a dedicated member of our St. Louis community. We all appreciate everything he has done so far, and look forward to seeing what else he will accomplish in the coming years.

SENATOR CARL M. LEVIN

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, throughout my adult life, wherever I went in Michigan, from Copper Harbor to Monroe, I would run into people who would say, 'I don't always agree with Senator Levin, but I support him anyway because he is so genuine. He tells it straight and he follows through.'

Carl Levin personified integrity and the notion of putting the public good above self-interest. As he walked about the Capitol in a rumpled suit, almost always with a plain white shirt and pedestrian tie, carrying bulging files with the occasional paper flying away, Carl

was the very picture of sober purpose and rectitude. In truth, he wasn't unfun. In fact, he often pierced tense situations with self-deprecating humor, and he privately shared incisive observations about others with staff and colleagues.

But Carl was all about the work, and the great honor the people of Michigan had bestowed upon him with their votes and their trust. He did not seek to divine their views to be popular, but rather to study the issues and advance the people's interest to the best of his ability. Uncle Carl met with more presidents, kings, queens and other important people than all but a few of us ever will. But he treated them all the same as he did a Detroit autoworker or a beet farmer in Michigan's Thumb—with a full measure of dignity but no airs, ever ready to puncture self-importance, posturing, mendacity and avarice.

He was so well-prepared for every meeting, hearing, and conference that he challenged conventional boundaries between Senator and staff. He was one of the most challenging Senators to work for and one of the most rewarding. Challenging, because you had better know your business in detail, since he surely did. Rewarding, because he had authentic relationships with staff, treated them with deep respect, and was loyal to them.

Uncle Carl was above all a family man. No matter the pressing business he faced as a Senator, he always centered Aunt Barbara, my cousins Kate, Laura and Erica and their families, devoted time to them and so obviously cherished them. And the way he loved and treated his family radiated out and served as a model for how he treated colleagues, staff, constituents, soldiers and the world.

From my earliest memory to this moment, perhaps above all, he has defined with my dad how close two brothers, two siblings, two people can be. In the end, these two Jewish boys from Detroit, these grandsons of immigrants each served 36 years in Congress, 32 of them together, becoming by far the longest co-serving siblings in the 232-year history of this place. As heartbroken as we are in this moment, I feel so grateful to have experienced this love and legacy.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, today it is an honor for me to pay tribute to the Office of Naval Research and its contributions to our Sea Services, the Nation, and the pursuit of scientific and technological discovery on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

The Office of Naval Research was established by act of Congress on August 1, 1946, in the aftermath of World War II to "plan, foster, and encourage scientific research in recognition of its paramount importance as related to the maintenance of future naval power, and the preservation of national security." A product of wartime necessities that brought together government and military planners, academia, and industry to help make science and technology an essential tool

for victory, the Office of Naval Research grew into a vital organization dedicated to the enduring warfighting requirements of the Navy and Marine Corps and the peacetime needs of the nation. The Office of Naval Research prioritizes building a close and essential relationship between the public good and the progress of science and technology. For seventy-five years this agency has maintained that relationship through war and peace. Much of our infrastructure for the public support of science and technology, from the National Science Foundation to DARPA to the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and Army Research Office, was built in the years after the war using the model pioneered by the Office of Naval Research.

In its early decades, the Office of Naval Research supported research in the burgeoning fields of computing and directed energy, leading to the development of one of the first digital computers, Project Whirlwind, as well as the creation of the maser and laser. Its projects took scientists to the upper atmosphere in some of the highest recorded balloon ascents and brought human beings to the very bottom or the ocean in the Challenger Deep. Office of Naval Research-supported engineers and scientists created the first autonomous robot, as well as the first autonomous undersea vehicle. The Office of Naval Research, Arctic Research Laboratory helped several generations of scientists understand polar environments better. Its support led to the development of atomic clocks; the key invention that made precision satellite navigation possible. Finally, and perhaps most of all, long-term support from the Office of Naval Research led to the postwar blossoming of the ocean sciences, leading to countless discoveries in acoustics, wave prediction, meteorology, marine mammal research, and climate studies. The invention of virtually every important sensor and undersea vehicle that made these discoveries possible owes a debt to the stewardship of the Office of Naval Research.

From aircraft to ships to weapons systems, nearly every platform in use by the Navy and Marine Corps today relies in some way on technology originally developed or enhanced by the Office of Naval Research's sponsorship. Medical advances such as QuikClot save the lives of Marines and Sailors. Portable energy technologies provide power to forces, vehicles, and sensors. Laser weapon systems defend ships at sea. Materials developed through Office of Naval Research efforts protect the hulls of ships from marine organisms as well as the blast effects of weapons, and allow jet engines to work hotter, longer, and more efficiently than ever before. Today, Office of Naval Research programs are advancing the fields of artificial intelligence, autonomy, networking, directed energy, warfighter performance, maritime awareness, and next-generation power for the Navy and Marine Corps of the future.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the achievements of the Office of Naval Research, and I am certain the Members of the House will join me in recognizing the seventy-five years of scientific excellence this distinguished organization has provided—and seventy-five more that it will provide—to our Sailors and Marines and to the American people.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DEVOYD JENNINGS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Devoyd "Dee" Jennings, the longtime President and CEO of the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce. After a distinguished 41-year long career within the organization, Mr. Jennings passed away on July 24, 2021 at the age of 73.

After graduating from Texas Wesleyan University in 1971 with a degree in marketing, Mr. Jennings had a 27-year career at TXU as a Community Affairs Specialist and was the first African-American lobbyist employed by Texas Electric. Since its establishment, he worked for over four decades in various positions within the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce. His commitment to ensure the organization's mission "to make Fort Worth a better place to work and raise a family" truly serves as a model of civic leadership.

Mr. Jennings' professional and philanthropic efforts merited numerous awards from the Fort Worth community, including two commemorative City of Fort Worth "Devoyd Jennings" days in 1992 and 2005. The Fort Worth Business Press awarded him the Deal Maker award in 1998, recognized his contributions as a "Who's Who in Economic Development" in 1999, and, most recently, honored him with its "Minority Leaders in Business Award" in 2017.

Mr. Jennings worked tirelessly to provide new educational and economic opportunities for the citizens of Fort Worth. Amongst his endeavors, he helped established two stand-alone organizations, the William Mann Community Development Corporation and Southeast Fort Worth Inc., which continue to encourage growth and development in minority neighborhoods in Fort Worth. In addition, he was instrumental in the reconstruction and re-opening of his beloved high school alma mater, I.M. Terrell, as a STEM & Performing Arts Center.

I join the community of Fort Worth in honoring Mr. Jennings' life and legacy and extend my sincere condolences to his friends and family. Devoyd "Dee" Jennings led a life of outstanding civic virtue and service and his dedicated efforts to improve Fort Worth as a place to live and work will continue to positively benefit his hometown for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on July 29, 2021, I was unable to vote on H.R. 4300, the Alexander Lofgren Veterans in Parks (VIP) Act. I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4300.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF FALLEN RED LAKE NATION POLICE OFFICER RYAN ANDREW BIALKE

HON. MICHELLE FISCHBACH

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Red Lake Nation Police Officer Ryan Andrew Bialke, who was killed in the line of duty on Tuesday, July 27. His death is an unbelievable tragedy—one that is felt by the community, state, and region.

Officer Bialke always wanted to help others. After graduating from Rasmussen College, he moved to Bemidji and joined the Red Lake Nation Police Department, where he served the community for the past six years. He was an SOR officer, a breacher for the Emergency Response Team, and in charge of the Search and Rescue Dive Team. He was dedicated to the community in which he worked, often spending time with Red Lake's children and families—always willing to go the extra mile.

He is survived by his wife, Hester, his children, his mother and brothers, and many other family members and friends. He is lovingly remembered as a kind, outgoing person who loved hockey, fishing, hunting, road trips, country music, and spending time with his family, friends, and other loved ones. He will be sorely missed.

I am eternally grateful for Officer Bialke's sacrifice, and the sacrifices the men and women of law enforcement make every day as they put their lives on the line to keep us safe.

HONORING DUSTY HILL AND ZZ TOP

HON. TROY E. NEHLS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. NEHLS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of rock and roll hall of famer and ZZ Top member Dusty Hill. Dusty was born and raised in Dallas, Texas and began playing bass at the age of 13. He didn't take the conventional route of bass players who usually start as guitarists and transition, instead he was a vocalist and picked up a bass one day and started playing.

Embarrassment on stage was a "great motivator" for Dusty and he soon mastered the bass. From 1966 to 1968, Dusty played with fellow future ZZ Top bandmate Frank Beard in the Dallas based band American Blues.

In 1970, wanting to focus more on rock and roll and less on blues, Dusty moved to Houston and joined ZZ Top with Frank Beard and Billy Gibbons. The trio performed their first concert together just outside of my district at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beaumont, Texas on February 10, 1970.

The trio of Frank Beard, Billy Gibbons, and Dusty Hill would stay together for the next 50 years. The group produced their first charting single Francine in 1972 and again found success in 1973 with the release of a top 10 Billboard 200 album Tres Hombres. In 1975, Dusty sang lead on one of the band's most popular hits "Tush", before releasing their next

album *Tejas* in 1976. Over the next two years, ZZ Top continued to tour and perform before Dusty took a two year hiatus to work at the DFW airport saying "I did not want other people to think I thought I was full of myself, but the main thing is I didn't want to start feeling full of myself. So, I did it to ground myself."—a mindset many members in this very Chamber could benefit from.

During this 2-year downtime is when Dusty and his band mate Billy Gibbons grew their trademark long beards. When Dusty, Billy, and Frank remerged together in 1979, the band found success with their album *Deguello*, which went platinum and had another one of their hits "Cheap Sunglasses".

But it wasn't until 1983 that ZZ Top really hit it big with their album *Eliminator* which introduced us to classic rock hits "Gimme All Your Lovin'" and "Sharp Dressed Man" which remain staples on classic rock radio to this day.

Over the next three decades, the band stuck together touring all across Texas and the world, entertaining tens of millions of fans. They continued to find success playing together until Dusty's passing just three days ago.

I know Dusty is missed greatly, but his music and personality will live on forever as a staple of Texas and Rock and Roll history.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS AND SERVICE OF P. EARLE GLEASON, WHO SERVED HIS NATION AND COMMUNITY ADMIRABLY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the service of P. Earle Gleason as an honored Vietnam Veteran, Yates County Veterans' Service Agency Director, and Chairman of the 23rd Congressional District's Academy Selection Committee.

P. Earle Gleason served his nation upon being drafted into the United States Army in January 1968. A distinguished Vietnam War combat veteran, who served with the America Division, Mr. Gleason was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge; the Bronze Star; and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant in September 1969 after a tour in Vietnam.

As a lifelong resident of Yates County, Earle Gleason has dedicated a lifetime of commitment and service to his country and to his community, particularly in service to local veterans. His efforts benefiting veterans began with his career with the Yates County Veterans' Service Agency as Service Officer in July 1994. He later became Director of the Agency in September of 1994 and retired in December 2014 with twenty years of service.

For more than two decades as Director, Earle was respected as a tireless advocate for his county's more than two thousand veterans. He was also recognized by the community at large through his dedication to community service within the Johnson Costello American Legion Post 355, and as a Milo Town Councilman for twenty-four years. He is currently serving as a Yates County Legislator.

While Earle gives so much of himself in many areas of our community, we also greatly

appreciate his efforts as part of our Academy Selection Committee. He has recently resigned from this work, but we would like to thank him for his time and dedication to the committee, especially in his role as Chairman.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me in recognizing the efforts and service of P. Earle Gleason, Vietnam Veteran, Yates County Veterans' Service Agency Director, and devoted Chairman of the 23rd Congressional District's Academy Selection Committee.

PRAYER FOR HAITI BY PASTOR
NEYLON SAMUEL

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to present a prayer for Haiti on behalf of Pastor Neylon Samuel at World Harvest Seventh Day Adventist Church in the Ninth Congressional District of Texas. Pastor Samuel presented this prayer at a candlelight vigil held on Sunday, July 18, 2021 in remembrance of Haitian President Jovenel Moise.

Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth, God of all goodness and love, we bring before you today, our brothers and sisters of Haiti. As we lift this nation before you, we recognize that it is you, O God, who made her people in your very image and place within them a hunger and thirst for righteousness and liberty.

They led the Americas in the struggle against slavery, and though they were the first to win lasting freedom, their struggle has never ceased. As you heard the cry of your suffering people in Egypt, today, we pray that you will hear the cry of your people in Haiti calling out for justice.

You—the God—who sees, frees, and redeems people, we ask that you raise up your people in Haiti from the ash heap of despair and give them strong hearts and strong hands. Lift their minds and their spirits and help them to bear this new burden.

As details about the assassination of president Jovenel Moise continue to unravel, we keep the Moise family and the nation of Haiti before you. Grant them your wisdom, strength, and hope in the face of all that is happening in their beautiful homeland. And because you are both a God of mercy and a God of justice. We ask that you exercise your judgment on these horrific acts that have taken place. Heinous acts such as these can shake the strongest of us to our core and make us fearful. But we ask that you will be with those who are hurting and afraid.

We pray that this nation, which is so often noted as the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. This nation that is today, marked by political instability, corruption, civil unrest, crime, and extreme poverty, will once again be known as the "Pearl of the Antilles". We pray for the removal of systemic evils holding back this nation. We pray for schools, trying to educate children amid violence. We pray for light to shine in corrupt areas in the country. Pray for godly leaders in government and business.

God, we ask that you bring healing and prosperity to Haiti. Protect her from those who would abuse her. We pray that her may sorrow cease and her joy abound. Let her generosity be known in all the lands, and her glad songs of freedom be heard to the ends of the earth. Bless her children of that they may know a better world and a brighter future.

As for us, O God, we who are far away from the chaos and the confusion, from the sobbing and moans, but who yet hold the people of Haiti close in our hearts. Imbue us with the strength of Simon of Cyrene, that we may carry the cross of the Haitian people. Show us how to bear their burdens and lighten their yoke with our prayers, our aid, our resources. In our own country, teach us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, O God, that we may stand before you unashamed and with integrity, as we walk hand in hand with our brothers and sisters of Haiti. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
SCOTT LANGUM

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Captain Scott Langum, Commanding Officer of Air Station Cape Cod as he is relieved of duty.

Captain Langum was born in Colfax, WA. He attended the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, from which he graduated in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Government. He earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of South Alabama, and a Master in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He married Carmen Harder, also from Colfax, and have two daughters, Kendall, and Paige.

After graduating in 1993, Captain Langum's career began with his first operational tour aboard the USCGC *Sundew* (WLB-404) in Duluth, MN. He later served as the Aids to Navigation Officer for the Greater Antilles Section of San Juan, PR. Additionally, Captain Langum served as Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Houston TX.

As Chief of the Future Operations Division, Captain Langum was responsible for coordinating mission efforts for the Defense Support of Civil Authorities, Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear response, Combating Transnational organized crime, Theater Security Cooperation, Personnel Recovery and Search and Rescue. In addition to these responsibilities, Captain Langum went on to serve as the Military Liaison to the United States Senate, where he was responsible for facilitating the Coast Guard's congressional engagements. After an impressive career, he is retiring from his final post as Commanding Officer of Air Station Cape Cod.

Captain Langum has received the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Commendation Medals, and three Achievement Medals. We thank him for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Captain Scott Langum. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his career and commitment to serving our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. REX ARCHER ON HIS RETIREMENT AS KANSAS CITY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a deep sense of gratitude that I rise today to celebrate Dr. Rex Archer, an individual that went above and beyond to serve our community. His work in public health began more than two decades ago, where he has served as the Kansas City Health Director. His commitment and contributions to better the region are unparalleled, shaping Kansas City's Health Department into a department that we can all be proud to have in Missouri's Fifth District.

Before serving Kansas Citizens, Mr. Archer studied at the University of Kansas where he completed his medical degree then his master's in public health at the University of Michigan. His experience allowed him to hold local and state health positions in Maryland and was even a primary advocate for protection policies for nonsmokers from tobacco smoke. The skills and knowledge he earned, prepared and made him a more than qualified to lead the Health Department in Kansas City.

Under Dr. Archer's guidance, Kansas City, Missouri's Health Department became one of the first in the country to be nationally accredited, demonstrating its continuous efforts to fulfill its mission of providing quality health care options and resources to Kansas Citizens. The department was recognized by the National Association of County and City Health Officials and received the "Local Health Department of the Year Award in Health Equity," in addition to the "Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health" prize.

Dr. Archer dedication to improve public health can be traced to the agency's emergency response to HIV in response to the havoc it had on our local minority communities, the swine flu epidemic, and most recently, his leadership throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. He led the fight in combating the spread of COVID-19 with compassion and expertise, even delaying his retirement for eight months to continue to support the city and protect its members through an unprecedented tragedy. A champion of inclusivity and equity, Dr. Archer continuously advocated to bring more resources to the region when Kansas City, Missouri, was not receiving sufficient COVID-19 vaccines. Once received, he pushed vaccination efforts to reach our underserved communities. His leadership and dedication serve as an example of how to unify different sectors of the community such as elected officials, experts, and media for the greater good of the people we serve.

Looking beyond his extraordinary work in emergency health crises, Dr. Archer and his team have prioritized delivering equitable healthcare services and resources on, expanding the range of services at the Kansas City Health Department. Along those new initiatives are the Healthy Homes program that provides sanitary homes for all, efforts to ensure families have access to healthy and quality meals and establishing mental health services to help combat violent crime.

As a result of his successful career in Kansas City, he has held the position of president

for the National Association of County and City Health Officials and served on the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) of Directors, amongst other national public health committees. While he may often be behind the scenes, his work in public health can be felt and seen widely throughout many lives within our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Dr. Rex Archer for the tremendous accomplishments throughout his career and his tireless efforts in providing Kansas City with equitable healthcare for all. His contributions to our community have made him a valued member of Missouri's Fifth District and I speak on the behalf of the entire district when I say thank you Dr. Rex Archer. While he embraces this next chapter, I wish Dr. Archer many rewarding years in retirement and honor his dedication to public health.

TEXAS DELEGATION WELCOMES NEWEST MEMBER OF CONGRESS, JAKE ELLZEY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise along with my colleagues, Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, the Dean of the Texas Delegation, Congresswoman KAY GRANGER, the co-Dean of the Texas Republican delegation, and other members from Texas—the greatest delegation—for the swearing in of our newest Member of Congress, JAKE ELLZEY.

JAKE is a native Texan from Amarillo who left Texas to attend the United States Naval Academy.

He was commissioned in the Navy upon graduation and then earned the coveted gold wings as a Naval aviator.

JAKE served in the Navy for the next 20 years with honor, distinction, and valor.

He served in numerous deployments and in 6 combat tours—five in the skies over Iraq and Afghanistan and a tour in ground combat in the mountains of Afghanistan, where he directed critical and timely air support for members of Seal Team Six engaged in combat there.

He has been decorated with two Bronze stars for his service in combat.

After retiring from the Navy, JAKE returned to Texas but remained committed to public service.

He was appointed by Governor Perry as a Commissioner on the Texas Veterans Commission for six years and was then elected to the Texas House of Representatives.

JAKE also returned to the skies as a commercial airline pilot flying out of Dallas/Forth Worth and raising his son and daughter with his wife Shelby in Ellis County, Texas.

Texans have a great deal of respect and admiration for those who volunteer to go in harm's way in service to their country.

JAKE is the sixth military veteran Texas voters have sent to Congress just this year.

He brings a wealth of experience in national security, military affairs, veterans affairs, business, and aviation with him to Congress.

This day, no doubt, marks the beginning of yet another rewarding chapter in a distinguished career of service.

On behalf of the Texas delegation, I'm thrilled to welcome JAKE ELLZEY, his wife Shelby, and his son and daughter to the United States Congress.

HONORING VERNON RAY HANCOCK

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Vernon Ray Hancock, who died on June 19, 2021, at the age of 94. Mr. Hancock served nearly 30 years as the Math Department Chair at Emory & Henry College and made a remarkable impact on the students and the university.

Mr. Hancock was born on July 10, 1926, in Baltimore, Maryland to Wheeler Hancock & Rebecca Helm Hancock. In 1943, Mr. Hancock enlisted in the United States Army. After graduating high school, the Army sent him to Virginia Polytechnic Institute for engineering classes. Following WWII, he went on to work as a clerk typist in France and was later honorably discharged in December 1946 with the rank of Tech 4. Mr. Hancock received his graduate degree in math at Johns Hopkins University and his doctorate at Tulane University. Years later, Mr. Hancock returned to the Commonwealth and settled in to make Virginia his life-long home.

Mr. Hancock married Ruth Eileen Farnham in 1950, and the two of them were inseparable as they volunteered together in their community. Throughout his life, both Mr. and Mrs. Hancock were active members of the United Methodist Church. From his appointment at Emory & Henry in 1963 until after his retirement in 1991, Mr. Hancock remained an active member of the academic and service community. He saw his life mission was to serve those around him and he found great joy in this selfless service to his community. Together with his wife, they served with the Boy Scouts of America, chartered the Pi Omicron chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity at Emory (of which I was Member), and they were also heavily involved in the Washington County Republican Party. I personally knew Mr. Hancock when he was my Faculty Advisor to the Emory & Henry College Republicans and through his decades of work with the Republican Party.

Mr. Hancock is survived by his 2 sons; Dale and his wife Nancy, Clark and his wife Frances; his granddaughter, Bethany; and numerous nieces and nephews. I offer them my condolences on their loss.

TRIBUTE TO TODD J. CORBIN

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the extraordinary heroism of Todd J. Corbin. Sixteen years ago, as a lance corporal in the United States Marine Corps Reserve serving as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Todd Corbin rescued several of his comrades at great risk to

his own life—an act for which he was awarded the Navy Cross.

A motor vehicle operator for Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Lance Corporal Corbin was part of a convoy responding to a report of a platoon under fire near Haditha on May 7, 2005. As they approached the scene, a van loaded with explosives charged toward them, detonating between two of the convoy's vehicles. A brutal firefight ensued, during which many were injured and four—three Marines and a Navy corpsman—were killed. Most of the convoy's vehicles were disabled in this initial attack.

Lance Corporal Corbin immediately positioned his seven-ton truck between the enemy and the wounded Marines. After reporting the situation to the battalion, he immediately took charge at the scene, directing return fire. Under this covering fire, and disregarding the continued onslaught of the enemy, he retrieved his wounded patrol leader, placing him over his shoulder and bringing him back to the truck—all while firing at the enemy with his free hand.

He made five total trips through the kill zone to recover his dead and wounded comrades, shielding them from the enemy while returning them to the convoy. Despite the severe damage to his truck, which by this time had three flat tires, Lance Corporal Corbin drove it away from the scene and to an aid station five miles away. Because of his quick-thinking and heroic actions, no Marine was lost after the initial attack.

Lance Corporal Corbin is now Huron County Sheriff Corbin, re-elected to a second term last year. He credits the Marine Corps for helping him enhance the leadership skills that are so essential to his job, encouraging everyone in his command to be at their personal and professional best when interacting with the public.

Madam Speaker, we are grateful that people like Todd Corbin stand up and volunteer to serve this great Nation. He risked his life to save others under the most difficult conditions. For this, each and every one of us owes him a great debt of gratitude. I thank Sheriff Corbin for his many sacrifices on our behalf and wish him every success in the future.

REMEMBERING THE LEGACY OF DEVOYD “DEE” JENNINGS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the legacy of Devoyd “Dee” Jennings—a hardworking and dedicated member of our Fort Worth community.

Dee dedicated his life to ensuring the success, strength and mobility of the Black community in Fort Worth. Dee was born in 1947 in Fort Worth. After graduating from I.M. Terrell High School in 1966, he attended Tarrant County College and continued his education at Texas Wesleyan University where he graduated with a marketing degree in 1971.

He began his nearly 30 years of service for North Texas with TXU as a Community Affairs Specialist, and served as the first Black lobbyist for Texas Electric. Dee used his own experiences to help others. He quickly became

an influential mentor to minorities pursuing careers in business as he served on numerous boards including the Texas Association of Business, the North Texas Commission, the Texas Association of African American Chambers and as a chairman of the NTTA's Business Diversity Advisory Committee.

The pinnacle of Dee's career came when he began his most recent position as president and CEO of the Fort Worth Black Chamber of Commerce. He left a powerful legacy by using this position to fight for economic opportunity for the Black community in Fort Worth.

Dee also assisted with the creation of two stand-alone organizations that directly serve to benefit minority development—the William Mann Community Development Corp and Southeast Fort Worth Inc. Because of his work with local government bodies, he was able to establish minority and women-owned business enterprise goals.

His long and appreciated service to the community of Fort Worth has been honored as he was a proud receiver of the Minority Leaders in Business Award in 2017 and was recognized with a proclamation for Devoyd Jennings Day.

Devoyd “Dee” Jennings—a public servant, successful businessman, and strong leader—will be deeply missed by our Fort Worth community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, on July 29, 2021, I am not recorded on Roll Call vote No. 253. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF DAVID WITT

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Witt on his retirement as the Chief of the Kern County Fire Department (KCFD).

David graduated with an associate's degree from Bakersfield College and a bachelor's degree in Range Resource Science from Humboldt State University, giving him a unique skill set for tackling the diverse terrain that the Kern County Fire Department covers. His interest in firefighting and emergency response were rooted well before his time in Kern County, as he had served with both the United States Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection before being hired at KCFD.

David served in a variety of roles at Kern County Fire Department, including managing its air program, operations, and logistics. In June 2019, the Kern County Board of Supervisors recognized his leadership and hard work on behalf of our community by unanimously selecting David to become Fire Chief.

As KCFD Fire Chief, David successfully led a department of nearly 500 uniformed staff and oversaw emergency responses over a two-year period that included historic wildfire seasons, massive earthquakes, and a global pandemic. He was not only responsible for the safety of his personnel and the people of Kern County, but he was also responsible for overseeing the finances and operations of the department's \$150 million budget. In that role, he excelled. KCFD was \$10 million in the red when David took over the top department spot. Yet as a fiscally responsible, no-nonsense Chief, David turned the Department's finances around and KCFD is now operating in the black.

Even before becoming Fire Chief, David was well-known for his hard work and contributions throughout our community. In 2010, he was recognized by the American Legion, earning a certificate of commendation. In 2013, he received the Kern River Valley Exchange Club's Firefighter of the Year Award. In 2017, he was recognized by KCFD with a letter of commendation, a testament to his work ethic and savvy that set him apart. David also serves on the Board of Directors for Kern County and Eastern Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross, where he lends his expertise to the organization. He also previously served as a Board Director and as Treasurer for the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens.

David knows the needs of the people he protects, and when that includes nine different cities, 41 different distinct communities, and 8,163 square miles, that becomes an incredible challenge. David may be taking a step back from his role as Fire Chief of the Kern County Fire Department, but I am confident that his tenure will be remembered across our community through his mentorship of firefighters and his leadership during times of emergency response and disaster recovery.

On behalf of California's 23rd Congressional District, I want to thank David for his service to our community, and want to also thank his wife Pegeen and their children Andrew and Courtland for supporting him during his many years of public service to our community. I wish David and his family well as he settles into a much-deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER APPRECIATION DAY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to salute whistleblowers and to mark a day of appreciation for their critical contribution to American justice and to the safety and security of us all. Whistleblowers, among other things, keep companies that do business with the federal government honest and accountable. Working from confidential tips and insights provided by whistleblowers in qui tam cases, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) recovers billions of dollars annually under the False Claims Act. Over a recent four-year period, the government recovered \$11.4 billion in fraud prosecutions and distributed more than \$1.54 billion in whistleblower reward payments.

For example, last year, a major toxicology laboratory was required to pay the government \$12 million in a False Claims Act qui tam case when it was found to have paid unlawful kickbacks to a marketer and health care provider in exchange for referrals for urine drug tests. The whistleblower-inspired investigation also led to a criminal indictment of individuals involved in the scheme and the establishment of a five-year Corporate Integrity Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Service's Office of Inspector General, which required the company to retain an Independent Review Organization to monitor its arrangements with individuals and other entities and to routinely report to the Office of Inspector General.

Those who blow the whistle on federal contractors are typically awarded 15 to 30 percent of the funds recovered by DOJ. One whistleblower collected \$4 million in a False Claims Act qui tam case on behalf of the government against two contractors that knowingly failed to comply with federal and state prevailing wage laws. The contractors agreed to correct their compensation practices, and their employees were paid back wages.

In these cases, whistleblowers brought the fraud to light, companies were held accountable, taxpayer funds were recovered, future misconduct was averted, and workers were made whole.

I want to thank my constituent Renee Brooker, partner at Tycko & Zavareei LLP and former Civil Frauds Assistant Director at DOJ for sharing her expertise on whistleblower law with my office.

Today, on National Whistleblower Appreciation Day, I ask my colleagues to recognize whistleblowers and to encourage more individuals to become whistleblowers.

IN HONOR OF SPECIAL AGENT SCOTT D. PAYNE AND HIS RE- TIREMENT FROM LAW ENFORCE- MENT

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the career of newly retired Special Agent Scott D. Payne, who spent 28 years in law enforcement keeping our communities and our country safe.

Special Agent Payne started his law enforcement career in Greenville, South Carolina. He served in the Greenville County Sheriffs office for five years, working as a Uniform Patrol Officer and a Vice and Narcotics Investigator.

In 1998, he joined the FBI and became the primary undercover agent in many long-term undercover operations. He risked his safety to investigate violent motorcycle gangs, public corruption, murder for hire, drug trafficking organizations, and domestic terrorist groups with international ties. He was also an FBI SWAT Team Operator for over 7 years, diving head-first into dangerous situations to bring down violent criminals.

Special Agent Payne would go on to become an instructor in firearms, tactics, and undercover work. Thousands of law enforcement officers across the country were trained under

his leadership. He was also the Principal Tactical Instructor, Principle Defensive Tactics Instructor, and Lead Active Shooter Instructor for FBI Knoxville.

Special Agent Payne spent his career keeping folks safe, stopping criminals, and preparing the next generation of law enforcement officers for duty. I thank Special Agent Payne for his service. I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVER- SARY OF THE CALIFORNIA DE- PARTMENT OF VETERANS AF- FAIRS' HOME LOAN PROGRAM

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs' Home Loan Program. For a century, this loan assistance program has helped veterans and their families realize the American dream of homeownership after returning from their service to our country.

The Farm and Home Loan Program was created on May 30, 1921, to thank California veterans for their service and sacrifice in World War I. This program identified homeownership as a foundational step towards transitioning to civilian life, establishing credit, and building a strong financial future for veterans and their families. Over the course of the last hundred years, the Home Loan Program has aided veterans throughout times of war and economic crisis, including the Great Depression, the Great Recession, and most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic.

During its existence, the program has distributed more than \$8.5 billion in loans to over 425,000 veterans and expanded to serve a growing and diverse veteran population. Today, the Home Loan Program is renowned for some of the lowest foreclosure rates in the country, personalized service, and a comprehensive homeowners insurance plan; and continues to deliver exceptional customer service to veterans who would otherwise not qualify for a loan.

Madam Speaker, I am proud that my home state has been a pioneer in assisting veterans to secure housing and I congratulate the California Department of Veterans Affairs on their exceptional work throughout the decades. The Home Loan Program has been a lifeline to thousands of veterans over the past 100 years, and I know that it will continue to help veterans achieve homeownership for the next 100 to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted on Roll Call No. 245.

COMMEMORATING THE 56TH ANNI- VERSARY OF MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 56th Anniversary of the passage of Medicaid and Medicare, two of the most beneficial and consequential government programs ever launched.

On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Medicare and Medicaid into law as part of the Social Security Act and in the process made good on the commitments made by Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and John Kennedy to provide health security to Americans in their old age.

Medicare is a promise kept to those who have contributed a lifetime to our nation could enjoy their golden years with peace of mind and the security of reliable, affordable, and high quality healthcare.

Likewise, Medicaid created a crucial partnership between the government and the people to provide a basic health care safety net for the most vulnerable Americans: children of adults with low incomes, persons with disabilities, and the poor.

Madam Speaker, 56 years later, the legacy of these programs have I proven how effective and critical government action can be to the life and wellbeing of our nation's most vulnerable.

In 1965, almost half of all Americans aged 65 and older had no health coverage, living in fear that the colossal healthcare costs would drive them and their families into poverty.

Today, because of Medicare, over 98 percent of seniors have health insurance, which has led to a five-year increase in life expectancy for those over 65.

Today, 55 million Americans rely on Medicare for health care, ranging from preventive services, hospital visits, lab tests, to critical medical supplies, and prescription drugs.

It is difficult for some to imagine what 1965 was really like, when today affordable, accessible and available health insurance is a reality for so many people living with disabilities.

Before Medicaid was enacted children from poor families, pregnant women, and low-income working Americans were not able to afford even the most basic medical care they needed to remain healthy and productive.

When the legislation was first passed, many claimed that Medicaid would not live up to its promise; but today, because of expansion of Medicaid through passage of the Affordable Care Act the program provides comprehensive coverage for over 70 million children, pregnant women, low-income adults, and people living with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, it cannot be seriously disputed that Medicare and Medicaid have changed our country and made it better.

In my home state of Texas and in communities across the country, both programs have significantly changed the lives and improved health outcomes of many Americans over the past century and represent the best of American values.

Unfortunately, Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured in the nation, and Texas'

refusal to participate in the Medicaid expansion created by the Affordable Care act puts the poor residents in my state in Jeopardy.

So the 56th anniversary of Medicaid is bittersweet for Texans because while we celebrate a program that has saved lives, helped people live longer, expanded care to marginalized communities, and reduced disparities in access to healthcare, thousands of low income Texans still do not have the peace of mind that comes with access to affordable, quality health care enjoyed by low-income residents of states that have expanded their Medicaid program with funds made possible by the Affordable Care Act.

In the 18th Congressional District of Texas there are 195,400 persons with Medicaid and 74,704 with medical care provided by Medicare.

Madam Speaker, my constituents favor the Affordable Care Act because they understand the insecurity and feeling of helplessness of being uninsured or underinsured.

Like Medicare and Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare," was vehemently opposed and derided by its adversaries, who said it was too costly, would not work, was unnecessary, or would change the character of America for the worse.

Like the critics of Social Security, Medicare, and the G.I. Bill, all of whom are silent now, they are wrong.

The Affordable Care Act has been an unqualified success.

This historic legislation has extended affordable health coverage to tens of millions of Americans and has helped to bring peace of mind to many of those for whom relief seemed far out of reach.

The Affordable Care Act was driven by a simple premise: that citizens of the most prosperous nation on earth should not be forced to choose between their health and their financial security.

Since the passage of the ACA in 2010, the number of uninsured, Americans has fallen by nearly one-third, or roughly 16 million people.

These Americans come from all walks of life.

They are women, who can no longer be denied coverage or be forced to pay exorbitant amounts for coverage simply because of their sex.

They are nine million seniors and persons with disabilities, who have saved an average of \$1,600 on expensive and lifesaving prescription medication.

And they are this country's most at risk citizens; people who are working hard and struggling make ends meet while living in near-poverty, and who have been covered by Medicaid expansion in 32 states and the District of Columbia.

These benefits have been felt across the country, especially in my home state of Texas:

1. 10. 7 million individuals with pre-existing conditions such as asthma, cancer, or diabetes—including up to 1,632,000 children—no longer have to worry about being denied coverage or charged higher prices because of their health status or history;

2. 4.9 million uninsured Texans have new health insurance options through Medicaid or private health plans in the ACA Marketplace; and

3. 5.2 million persons on private insurance have gained coverage for at least one free preventive health care service such as a

mammogram, birth control, or an immunization in 2011 and 2012.

In addition to the tangible healthcare benefits for millions of families, the ACA has had powerful effects on the financial state of our nation.

Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, we have extended the solvency of the Medicare Trust fund by more than a decade and helped save taxpayers \$116 billion through new Medicare efficiencies.

The Department of Health and Human Services has estimated that hospitals saved more than \$5.7 billion in costs that would have normally gone unpaid by patients without insurance.

Contrary to the claims of the ACA's critics, private insurance companies have leaped at the opportunity to compete for business among the newly insured, and the healthcare industry has boomed.

Through all of these successes, however, House Republicans remained obsessed with destroying this law, and unraveling the security it provides to millions of Americans.

Medicare and Medicaid also continue to drive innovation and set the standard for coverage, quality, and innovation in American healthcare.

Madam Speaker, Medicare and Medicaid continue to play crucial roles in providing equitable and affordable healthcare, leading innovation in payment and delivery reform, carrying out outreach to the most vulnerable communities, and reshaping the delivery of care for the future.

Because of these programs, more Americans have access to affordable, equitable health care today than at any point in our history.

And I am committed to making sure that number will continue to grow.

On this 56th anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid, we should remember that a healthy America is a prosperous America.

And as we look ahead to the next half century, we can celebrate that what was put in place in 1965 has given us the foundation for a healthy and prosperous future for all Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASHLEE WARD ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Ashlee Ward. Ashlee will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of track and field. She and her fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

At Meyers High School, Ashlee was a star member of the track and field team. She held

the records in high jump and discus. At the PIAA District 2 Championship in 2007, she was the high jump champion and placed fourth in discus. She went on to take eighth place in high jump at the PIAA State Championship. The following year, Ashlee again came out on top to take first place in high jump at the District 2 Championship, as well as second place in discus. She was sixth in the state for the high jump. In 2009, she placed second in high jump and third in discus at the District Championships and ninth in the state for high jump. Her senior year, she was crowned the District 2 Champion in both discus and high jump, and she was second in the state for high jump and fourth in discus.

While at Misericordia University, she held the school records in high jump and discus as well as the Middle Atlantic Conference indoor and outdoor high jump records. Her freshman year, at the MAC Indoor Championships, she was runner-up in high jump, and at the MAC Outdoor Championship, she was named Field Athlete of the Year and Champion in high jump and discus. At the NCAA Outdoor qualifier, she was 12th in high jump; at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Indoor Championship, she placed sixth in the high jump; and at the Outdoor Championship, she earned A11-ECAC outdoor honors after placing fifth in the high jump, as well as 11th in discus.

Her sophomore year, she was named the MAC Outdoor Champion in high jump and discus as well as the MAC Indoor Runner Up in high jump. She also participated in the Indoor and Outdoor ECAC Championships and the NCAA District III Outdoor Championships. As a junior, she continued to dominate the MAC as the Indoor Champion in high jump and the Outdoor Champion in high jump and discus. She also placed in the top five at both the indoor and outdoor ECAC Championships in high jump.

Ashlee had an incredibly successful senior season. She was the MAC Indoor High Jump Champion as well as the MAC Outdoor High Jump Champion and runner up in discus. She went on to compete at the ECAC Outdoor Championships, winning the gold in high jump and placing seventh in discus. She triumphed at the NCAA Division III Indoor and Outdoor Championships, placing first in high jump at both contests. For her efforts, she was named the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Women's Athlete of the Year for the Mideast Region.

It is an honor to recognize Ashlee on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM "BILL" ZAMMER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of William "Bill" Zammer, an entrepreneur and devoted philanthropist on Cape Cod.

A native of Norristown, Pennsylvania, Bill was widely known throughout his adopted home of Cape Cod as a leader in the hospitality industry. He was equally known for his

willingness to step up to support countless charitable causes in the community.

Moving to Cape Cod in 1988, Bill operated a number of establishments throughout the region over the years including: The Flying Bridge, the Coonamesset Inn, The Red Horse Inn, Tugboats, the Popponesset Inn, the Picnic Box, and Clancy's, among others. Owning and operating restaurants came naturally to Bill after serving in the 1980's as President and CEO of the Seilers/Sodexo Corporation, overseeing 15,000 employees working in facilities across the nation.

A gifted executive, prior to his time in the hospitality industry, Bill spent two years as the President & Publisher of Tribune Publishing Company and also served as the as a director at the Tufts New England Medical Center. Realizing a need to further his education in order to start his own business, Bill enrolled at Northeastern University where he received his M.B.A. and, most importantly, where he met his partner in life Linda Raub Zammer.

Bill was firmly committed to helping his community. Whether he and Linda were advocating for his industry as a past President of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, fighting for educational opportunities for Cape Cod students, supporting our veterans and active servicemembers, leading the Cape Symphony and Conservatory as a Director or helping foster children, their generosity of time and spirit was endless. They were recognized time after time for this, including as the Philanthropists of the Year from the Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands. Bill also served on many boards, including with Cape Cod Healthcare Foundation, the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, among others. Most recently, during the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to supporting his long-time employees who were out-of-work, Bill stepped up to help lead the Falmouth Cares Business Roundtable, which worked to support other businesses impacted by the pandemic.

Bill Zammer never stopped moving, and the reminders of his investment in the greater Cape community will live on as a testament to his work. Among his greatest legacies will be the professional lives he changed in the hospitality industry. His employees were his second family and many advanced their careers through the Linda and William Zammer Hospitality Institute at Cape Cod Community College.

His greatest love, though, was always his family: his wife, Linda, his children Robert, Peter, and Joanne, his eight grandchildren, his mother, Wanda, and his three siblings. Madam Speaker, Bill Zammer's "life well lived" has positively touched thousands of lives on Cape Cod through his professional abilities and good works and I am proud to have been his friend.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, due to a constituent meeting, I was unable to cast my vote on July 29, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 253.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEWELL COLBERT'S RETIREMENT

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the exceptional, lifelong public service career of Mr. Jewell Colbert. As an agent of the Social Security Administration, his service to our community, our country, and the federal government is invaluable. A dedicated public servant such as himself is more than deserving of praise.

Mr. Colbert began his career in 1986 with the Social Security Administration, working as a Claims Representative in St. Joseph, Missouri. He would then ascend the agency's ranks, becoming Operations Supervisor, District Manager, Project Manager, and most recently, Regional Communications Director. Mr. Colbert remained committed to educating and empowering the community around him through social security programs and undoubtedly impacted countless individuals. The last decade of his career as Regional Communications Director was especially significant. He continued his dedicated loyalty as a civil servant to the public and organization he served, demonstrating steadfast leadership throughout his senior positions. His devotion to people, public service, and inspiring leadership were hallmarks of his career.

During Mr. Colbert's time at the Social Security Administration, the agency played a significant role in improving the lives of thousands. In the 1990s, the SSA was established as an independent agency and immediately began working on behalf of the American people. During this time, the SSA defined itself by expanding Disability and Supplemental Security Income programs and aiding the public in personal financial planning. In the 2000s, the SSA created the "Final Rule" doctrine, which set a standard for quick determination of benefits for disabled individuals. It also established certain rights these individuals would have, such as a federal review of state ruling. These advances were incredibly beneficial, especially to those who could not work and rely on Social Security benefits to pay for necessities. The progress made by the Social Security Administration during Mr. Colbert's career had a lasting impact still in place today.

The selfless spirit of service displayed by Mr. Colbert throughout his career is a shining example of the lessons taught to us in scripture. Acts 20:35 reads, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Mr. Colbert exemplified this statement through his hard work and dedication to his community. His leadership and service provided aid to those who most needed it and was integral in making Social Security programs inclusive and accessible to the public.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Jewell Colbert's lifetime of public service. His immense impact will continue through the multitude of lives he improved. On behalf of Missouri's Fifth District, I wish Mr. Colbert great joy and relaxation in retirement.

HONORING MAPLE LEAF FARMS CEO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TERRY TUCKER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Terry Tucker, who retired this summer after decades at the helm of Maple Leaf Farms in Leesburg, Indiana. Under his leadership, this family-owned business has become a top duck producer in North America, as well as a major center of economic growth and job creation in our community.

A lifelong Hoosier, Terry has firsthand experience with the many tasks required to run a busy duck farm. His history with Maple Leaf Farms began as a part-time job in high school when his tasks ranged from cleaning out duck barns to loading ducks for transport to processing plants.

While he was in college at Purdue University, Terry married Sandra Wentzel, the daughter of Maple Leaf Farms founder Donald Wentzel. After graduating with a degree in agriculture economics, Terry returned to the farm full time in 1963 and quickly demonstrated leadership and business acumen. He was named treasurer in 1966 and, after Donald's death, was promoted to executive vice president in 1968. As Maple Leaf Farms grew in both capacity and numbers, Terry's responsibilities continued to increase. In 1974, he was named chief executive officer, president, and chairman of the board of Maple Leaf Farms.

For more than 30 years, Terry strategically led Maple Leaf Farms and invested in its growth. Under his leadership, the Tucker Family expanded and modernized the farm's operations, including acquiring the United States' largest duck producer, C&D Foods of Wisconsin, constructing new biosecure facilities, and doubling the capacity of its Indiana duck processing plant.

In 2001, Terry stepped down as president of the company and turned this responsibility over to his sons, Scott and John, who serve as co-presidents for the company. Since then, he has remained incredibly active in Maple Leaf Farms as CEO and chairman of the board of directors, helping to lead this Indiana company into the 21st century.

In addition to his work at Maple Leaf Farms, Terry also has volunteered his time and expertise to invest in our region and the industry, serving on many boards, including Lakeland Financial Corporation, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Purdue Research Foundation, Liberty Mutual, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Indiana State Poultry Association, Poultry & Egg Institute of America, and the Indiana Institute of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition. In recognition of his accomplishments, Terry has been honored with many awards, including an Honorary Doctorate of Agriculture from Purdue University in 1995.

Terry and his wife, Sandra, have invested decades of hard work to our region, building a successful business and feeding American families. They are incredible leaders in our community and have made remarkable contributions to this vital industry.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I want to thank Terry Tucker for his

exemplary leadership and commitment to Maple Leaf Farms, our region, and American families. As he embarks on a new chapter, I wish Terry and the Tucker Family continued good health, happiness, and success in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRYCE
BONEAU

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Bryce Boneau, a phenomenal North Texas student and athlete. Mr. Boneau, a 2021 graduate of Keller High School, was presented with the prestigious Gatorade National Player of the Year Award. With this achievement, he joins a select list of elite athletes across the nation, including LeBron James, MLS Cup Champion Alecko Eskandarian and former U.S. National team star Claudio Renya.

Through his competitive spirit and drive, Mr. Boneau led the Keller High School Boys Soccer Team to a remarkable 17–3 season while contributing 18 goals and 19 assists in only 20 games. Under his leadership, the KHS Indians reached the Class 6A Region I Semifinals. Mr. Boneau suffered an ACL injury prior to the match, and his team unfortunately lost to Allen High School.

In addition, Bryce Boneau has been recognized for his stellar academic ability and community contributions. He graduated from Keller High School with a 4.0 GPA and actively volunteered in St. Barnabas Anglican Church's youth ministry and outreach to provide refurbished sports equipment for underserved youths.

Mr. Boneau's athletic talents have earned him a spot on the roster at Notre Dame's Varsity Soccer program where he will enter, and no doubt impress, as a freshman in fall 2021. It is my privilege to congratulate Bryce Boneau for his outstanding contributions to the Keller High School Soccer team, and I wish him continued success in his educational, athletic and professional endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. THEODORE
BROWN CELEBRATING HIS 95TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a veteran and patriarch of a large, extended family who has been blessed with a long life and a deep faith. Theodore Roosevelt Brown, Sr. turns 95 on August 12, 2021, and I join with his family and friends in celebrating this significant milestone.

Theodore Brown was born in Noel, Virginia, to the late Floyd and Nannie Brown. His mother was known for her famous rolls and his father dedicated much of his life to working at DuPont and as a minister. His sister Mary was born on his second birthday and the two grew up as close as twins.

Early on, Theodore learned the value of hard work and education. As a child, he walked more than a mile to attend Hanover Public School. One of his proudest moments was earning second-place in the county's spelling bee. While still in school, Theodore's family moved to Richmond, where he attended Armstrong High School and participated in the R.O.T.C. and the school band.

In his senior year, Theodore enlisted in the U.S. Army as the country was embroiled in World War II. He received his basic training at Fort Lee, Virginia and technical training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He would later be deployed to Oakland Army Base in California and assigned to the U.S. Army Signal Corp. During his deployments, he installed telephone cables in the South Pacific, traveling across the world to Leyte, Guam, Manila, and Spain, before returning to the United States and receiving an honorable discharge on December 22, 1946. Theodore spent another three years in the Army Reserves.

Like so many in his generation, Theodore faced discrimination when he returned home. He applied for work at Virginia Power Electric Company but was rejected due to his race. Subsequently, he took a seasonal job with Phillip Morris Inc. He then spent 20 years as a cabinet installer with the Custom Kitchen Company. Seeking better pay and benefits, Theodore switched careers and became a paint mechanic for Richmond Public Schools, from which he retired after twenty years of service. Soon after he retired, Theodore embarked on a new journey as an entrepreneur, opening a very successful janitorial and maintenance business that he ran for sixteen years.

Faith is a pillar of Theodore's long life. Since being baptized at ten years old, he has been active in the church. A talented singer, he sang with the Notes of Harmony Quartet Group for thirty years. During his time in Richmond, Virginia, Theodore was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, where he served as President of the United Methodist Men organization, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, and a Class Leader.

In 2016, he and his wife moved to South Carolina and joined St. John United Methodist Church, where he holds the distinction as father of the church. Not only does he sing in the church choir; he is also a member of the Florence District United Methodist Choir, which travels to many churches and nursing homes to perform.

Theodore is the father of nine, and the stepfather of four. He is happily married to his second wife, Albertine, and enjoys spending time with his extended family. In addition to singing, his hobbies include fishing, playing horse-shoes, card games, reading, and traveling.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating the ninety-fifth birthday of Theodore Roosevelt Brown, Sr. Those who know him best describe him as a strong, honest, compassionate, and dependable man with a great sense of humor and an abundance of love for others. May he continue to be a blessing to all that are fortunate to know and love him.

HONORING KARISSA SCHWEIZER
AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Karissa Schweizer, Cross Country Runner and Tokyo Olympian, as our Iowan of the Week.

Schweizer has been excited about the Olympics since she was a high school runner at Dowling Catholic High School. The Urbandale native had the opportunity to see Jenny Simpson, an Iowan and Olympic gold medalist, run her victory lap at Drake University's blue oval.

Schweizer spent much of her high school running career in the shadows of other high school athletes. Although Schweizer was talented, the attention was on the best-known runners in Dowling Catholic history, Katie, and Betsy Flood. She was only noticed by colleges she had reached out to, not by athletic recruiters who were interested in her.

During a fateful Subway stop, Schweizer and her father ran into Coach Brett Halter and his Missouri Tigers team. Schweizer's father, Mike, introduced himself to Coach Halter and encouraged him to watch his daughter run. The Missouri staff watched Schweizer run that day and then encouraged her to visit the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Schweizer quickly became a track star for Missouri's program. During her freshman year, she was honored as an SEC Freshman of the Year and set records for indoor track for the program. She continued to run faster and set even more records throughout her college career. She won two national titles during her time at Missouri and became the first woman from Missouri's program to qualify for the Olympics since 1996. Schweizer is the most decorated athlete in the school's history.

After Schweizers collegiate running career, she ran professionally for Bowerman Track Club in Portland, Oregon. She set a new American record in the indoor 3,000 meter by over seven seconds.

Karissa Schweizer will make her Olympic debut in Tokyo on Friday, July 30. She qualified for the 5,000 meter and 10,000 meter runs. Karissa's Iowa roots, come across in the way she carries herself, trains, and represents our great country and it is my honor to name Karissa Schweizer as our Iowan of the Week. We are so proud of Karissa. We'll be cheering her on back home.

HONORING WOODFORD MCKEE
GREEN, JR.

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Woodford McKee "Mac" Green, Jr. of Salem, Virginia, who died July 9, 2021, at the age of 95. Mr. Green was a businessman and a leader in the Salem community.

Mr. Green was born on October 31, 1925, to Woodford McKee Green and Ruth Maria

Cloud Green. During his youth, his father received a job as a structural steel engineer that brought his family to Virginia. Mr. Green briefly attended Roanoke College and V12 Officer Candidate School at Hampden Sydney before becoming a Quartermaster 3rd Class in the United States Navy. He was honorably discharged in 1946. After returning to Salem, Mr. Green began working at H.R. Johnson Hardware and stayed for 53 years of service. He eventually became an owner and a partner.

Mr. Green was an active leader in his community through various forms of service. He served as a civil defense coordinator for the Town of Salem, a member of the Salem Lions Club, an assistant scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts, and a Sunday School teacher at the First United Methodist Church. He also served as Vice Mayor of the City of Salem for 20 years and chaired the Council Audit Committee.

Mr. Green is survived by his wife of 31 years, Anne Marie Green; his five children, Michele Green and her husband Robert Walker, Adrian Green and his wife Kelsey Johnson, Emily Green, Michael Green, and Mark Green; and two grandchildren, Michael Green, Jr. and Angus Green. I offer my condolences on their loss.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL REMARKS BY HOUSTON HAITIANS UNITED PRESIDENT SHIRLEY LANEAUT

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. GREEN. of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD remarks by Houston Haitians United President Shirley Laneaut presented at a candlelight vigil held on Sunday, July 18, 2021 in the Ninth Congressional District of Texas in remembrance of Haitian President Jovenel Moise.

My name is Shirley Laneaut and I am currently the President of Houston Haitians United. First, I would like to thank God for orchestrating this momentous event.

I am a proud first-generation Haitian American. Like many of you, my parents came to this country with dreams of a better life for themselves and their families. Rather than posing a threat to our democracy, immigrants living in America reinforce and enrich the values that make America the country it is.

I am so glad to see so many faces who have chosen to stand in solidarity with Haiti and the Haitian people. Houston Haitians United is an organization started for and by the people of this community. We welcome all (including Haitians themselves and friends of Haiti), who are wanting to support our mission and vision. We aim to work in solidarity to uplift our community, promote the culture and help to prepare Haiti's future, both here and abroad.

The purpose of this event is to honor our Haitian community who are grieving the conditions of our country, the horrific death of President Jovenel Moise, and lastly, to remember our family and friends living in Haiti.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARSHALL C. GRIGSBY CELEBRATING HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime friend and educator, Dr. Marshall C. Grigsby, who will celebrate his 75th birthday on August 18, 2021. A man, who in his teens wondered if he would reach his 25th birthday because of his active involvement in civil rights direct action during the early 1960s, finally reached an unimagined milestone 50 years hence.

I first met Marshall when he became President of Benedict College in Columbia, SC in 1985 while I was serving as the head of the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission. We quickly forged a great working relationship and a valued friendship that continues to this day.

Dr. Grigsby has had a phenomenal career distinguishing himself as a college professor, administrator, and as an advisor to Congress, Presidents of the United States and various private sector and non-profit educational entities on educational equity and inclusion. But, he did not blaze these trails overnight. He began this journey after graduating from Morehouse College in 1968 and matriculating at the University of Chicago, where he completed the Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry degrees in 1972. While in Divinity School, Dr. Grigsby served as the Executive Director of the Black Legislative Clearing House, an educational and research organization based in Chicago and tasked with serving the Nation's Black state legislators. Some of the elected officials associated with the Clearing House included Harold Washington and Coleman Young who would later become the mayors of Chicago and Detroit, respectively; Hannah Atkins who later became Secretary of State for Oklahoma; and Mervyn Dymally and George Brown who would become the first Black Lieutenant Governors of California and Colorado, respectively.

In 1973, Dr. Grigsby was the youngest and first African American appointed to the professional staff of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. In that position, he was responsible for working with 196 member institutions in developing programs that more adequately addressed the concerns and interests of their minority students.

Dr. Grigsby was invited to join the faculty and administration of the Howard University Divinity School in 1975, where he served for 10 years. He taught courses in the content area of church, society and fundraising in a church context. During his tenure, he reorganized the academic calendar that resulted in a significant increase in the school's enrollment.

In 1985, at the age of 38, Dr. Grigsby was elected the 12th President of Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. During his eight-year tenure, programs were initiated which helped the institution achieve national recognition. He established the first undergraduate environmental health science program in the Southeast and established the first college wide honors program. In 1991, Benedict was one of five small liberal arts colleges selected

nationwide as a recipient of the Knight Foundation Presidential Leadership Award. The Award was designed to recognize creative and innovative presidential leadership at small liberal arts colleges throughout America.

During his tenure at Benedict, Dr. Grigsby served as chair of the South Carolina Tuition Grants Program, the Board of the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation, the South Carolina Educational Television Endowment Board and the South Carolina Humanities Council. He was instrumental in having the South Carolina Humanities Council housed on the Benedict College campus.

In 1994, Dr. Grigsby joined the staff of the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the U.S. House of Representatives as the Senior Legislative Associate for Higher Education. In that position, he provided oversight, advice and counsel to Members on issues involving distance learning, vocational rehabilitation, affirmative action, and the Corporation for National and Community Service and Federal Impact Aid. Furthermore, he served as the lead Democratic staff member on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act amendments of 1998 that included strengthening Title III and IV as well as creating Title V (aid to Hispanic Serving Institutions), and the GEAR-UP Program.

After serving eight years on Capitol Hill, Dr. Grigsby left in 2001 to establish Grigsby and Associates, LLC, an educational, legislative and policy development consulting firm specializing in educational policy issues, strategic planning and the Federal legislative and regulatory processes.

Dr. Grigsby has served as a senior consultant with the Council for Opportunity in Education, the umbrella organization for the nation's federal TRIO programs, and as a senior scholar with the Claiborne Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Education. In addition, he drafted the 2001–2003 Annual Report of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities pursuant to Executive Order 13256. The report, "The Mission Continues", outlines federal support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my colleagues to join me in commending this distinguished theologian, educator, and academician. As he celebrates this milestone birthday, please join me in extending to him a hearty and heartfelt 75th year and our very best wishes in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORKPLACES ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, as our nation strives to build back better, we must make sure that women—especially moms—are not left out of any recovery efforts. Since the pandemic, two million women—including one million moms—left the workforce.

We know that women—especially women of color—always fought an uphill battle against gender norms and racial and gender pay equity—and like so many other issues, the pandemic only exacerbated these existing injustices and inequalities. The pandemic also laid

bare that the status quo is no longer acceptable; we need transformational structural changes to ensure women are protected against any future economic calamities.

After all, women's economic security and their families' financial stability are inextricably linked. That is why I introduced this week, the Honoring Family-Friendly Workplaces Act—to promote a healthier work-life balance for hard-working families across the country. We must do more to promote positive work environments so that working parents are able to return to the labor force as soon as possible.

My bill would direct the Department of Labor to establish a national certification program that recognizes exemplary family-friendly busi-

ness policies. It would recognize and incentivize employers who commit to helping employees balance their family obligations and work responsibilities.

The certification program is intended to be similar to the EPA's ENERGY STAR program that helps consumers identify energy efficient products, and would evaluate businesses on a number of policies, including:

- Paid sick days for workers;
- Child care subsidies;
- Lactation support;
- Reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers;
- Assistance paying for or referring workers to fertility adoption services;

Paid family leave of at least 12 weeks per year; and

Flexible hours—or remote work policies—once parents return to work after a birth, adoption, or foster care placement.

Madam Speaker, nobody should have to choose between their work or their family; nobody should have to choose between receiving a paycheck or caring for their family.

By redesigning and investing in the workplace to be family-friendly, we are ultimately strengthening the wellbeing of children and families, businesses, and the economy. I urge all my colleagues in supporting this common-sense initiative to improve the lives of working families across America.